Churhat Children's Welfare Society

2481. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh High Court in its verdict on Churhat Children's Welfare Society lottery has suggested quashing of the income-tax exemption order;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken in accordance with the High Court verdict in the matter of Churhat Children's Welfare Society lottery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recovery of Income-tax from A. A. Enterprises New Delhi

2482. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to report published in 'Chautha Sansar' a Hindi daily published from Indore dated the 15th and 16th February, 1989 regarding Churhat Lottery wherein it has been stated that the lottery agency A.A. Enterprises, New Delhi which conducted these above said lottery earned Rs. one crore as commission;

(b) if so, whether income-tax on this amount has been realised from this agency named A.A. Enterprises;

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to recover the same;

(d) whether any inquiry has been made from the Churhat Children Welfare Society who organised the lottery as to the amount of commission paid by them to the above agency; and

(e) if so, what are the d etails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The report that M|s. A and A Enterprises, New Delhi earned Rs. 1 crores as commission is erroneous. In fact, as per the agreement dated 14-1-1984, by virtue of which M|s. A and A Enterprises was appointed as Organizing Agent for conducting the lotteries of Churhat Children Welfare Society, M/s. A and A Enterprises was to pay Rs. 1 crore as guaranteed profit to the Churhat Children Welfare Society. M|s. A and A Enterprises has not received any commission from the Churhat Children Welfare Society.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of the reply at (a) above.

2483. (Transferred to the 17th March, 1989).

Appointment of retired Supreme Court Judges on Commissions etc.

2484. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired Supreme Court Judges are appointed on Government Commissions, Boards or Committees for long term durations; and

(b) whether any adverse criticism has been noted by Government to this kind of practice?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A few retired Supreme Court Judges are appointed on Commissions, Boards or Committees for such periods as are considered necessary.

(b) No, Sir.

Non-credit of a Demand Draft by the State Bank of India

2485. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether he has received any communication from an MP with re-

gard to the non-credit of a Demand Draft of Rs. 100/- by the State Bank of India Ambala City (Civil Court Branch) received from the Secretary of Vishwakarma Agro Gramodyog Samiti; and

(b) if so, how much delay has been there in crediting of the said draft and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Permission to Amnesty International to Visit Punjab

2486. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amnesty International has sought permission from the Government of India to visit Punjab in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) The Government do not propose to permit this organisation to conduct political or propaganda work in Punjab.

Handlooms exports from Madras Port

2487. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the yearwise figures of exports of handlooms from Madras Port during the last five years;

(b) whether any decline has been noticed in their exports; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures are being taken by Government to arrest the decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) According to the Handloom Export Promotion Council, the exports of handloom fabrics and made-ups from Madras Port during the last five years have been as follows:—

(Rs. crores)

Year	Value
1984-85	61.02
1985-86	52.86
1986-87	50.53
1987-88	48.88
1988-89 (April-December)	45.04

(b) and (c) There has been a decline in the export of handloom goods from Madras Port mainly due to sluggish demand for Real Madras Handkerchiefs in the major importing countries of West Africa and the possibility of diversion of some exports to other ports like Cochin and Tuticorin However, the total exports of handloom textiles from the country have been showing an increasing trend during the last few years. The Government have taken various steps to boost handloom exports from India, including Madras Port, such as sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity material participation in